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After 7 years, 93 soldiers' lives and $7B, Canadians still split on Afghan war

LAURA EGGERTSON
for Metro Canada

As Canada approaches the tragic milestone of 100 soldiers killed in Afghanistan, voices across the country debate the rising cost, both human and economic, of a conflict that rivals the Second World War in length.

In October 2001, Canada joined the U.S.-led War on Terrorism by launching Operation Apollo in response to the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. To date, more than 20,000 Canadian Forces personnel have served in Afghanistan's shifting sands, with some soldiers on their second or third tours of duty.

Canada has lost 93 soldiers, diplomat Glyn Berry, and aid workers Shirley Case and Jacqueline Kirk. Close to 300 soldiers have been wounded in action.

"From an army as small as Canada's … that's a lot of people," says Martin Shadwick, a defence analyst at Toronto's York University.

As of March 31, according to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canada has spent more than $7 billion on the war, including salaries, food and equipment for troops. Those figures are based on the Defence Department's budgetary Estimates to Parliament.

Those opposed to the war question whether Canada is meeting its definitions of success. "All of the arguments — restoring democracy, defending women's rights — none of these things have happened," says James Clark of the Toronto Coalition to Stop the War.

But other organizations, including Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, insist Canadians make a difference. "Yes, it is worth it," says Janis Rapchuk, of the Calgary-based organization.

She cites the increasing number of children in schools and women taking human rights, literacy, computer and teachers' training.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO CANADA FILE PHOTO

Cpl. Kris Evong from Porters Lake, N.S., is hugged by his wife Kelly as he kisses his son Gage, 2, preparing to deploy to Afghanistan in January 2007. Evong was one of approximately 120 soldiers who shipped out as part of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Rotation 3.

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> James Clark, Coalition to Stop the War

Pollsters say Canadians are divided about Canada's presence in Afghanistan, with a slight majority favouring withdrawal if the Canadian casualty count grows. The intensity of those positions will likely deepen with further casualties, says Nik Nanos, president of Nanos Research.

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McLean family suing feds, Greyhound

LAWSUIT The family of the man who was beheaded onboard a Winnipeg-bound bus July 31 is suing the federal government and Greyhound for failing to ensure passenger safety.

Jay Prober, a lawyer representing 13 members of Tim McLean's family, told CTV News the lawsuit is seeking $150,000 from Greyhound and the government for failing to enforce safety measures before the bus left from Edmonton.

"This is not about money, it is about accountability — about responsibility for what happened to (Tim McLean)," the lawyer told CTV News.

The lawsuit also targets the RCMP and names his alleged killer, 40-year-old Vincent Weiguang Li, in the case.

Li is expected to make his next court appearance Sept. 8. METRO EDMONTON

Ex-teacher gets five years for sex assaults

FAIRVIEW A former northern Alberta schoolteacher has been sent to prison for just under five years for sex assaults that happened more than 25 years ago.

Merle (Ray) Miller of Mannville was convicted of gross indecency in separate incidents involving two boys, Fairview RCMP said in a release yesterday.

Miller taught school in Fairview and the incidents happened between 1966 and 1983, police said.

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Local

Ladies lunch

The first female president of the Alberta Medical Association, Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai, left, will be speaking to strong, empowered females at the Women in Leadership Luncheon Sept. 26. Tickets for the lunch event at the MacDonald Hotel are $55 each. METRO EDMONTON

Back to school **Student keeping students safe**

BEN LEMPERS/METRO EDMONTON

Melysa Hanaer, a grade 6 student at Dunluce Elementary in North Edmonton, assists students and parents crossing the street for the first day of class yesterday. Police are again urging drivers to watch out for kids, now that school is back in session.

Cooper case details released

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Sitting in front of detectives with unexplained scratches on his neck, Brad Cooper admitted he feverishly cleaned his home the morning his wife, Nancy, went jogging and never returned, it was revealed yesterday.

Police in Cary, N.C., released a six-page affidavit used to obtain search warrants for Edmonton-born Nancy Cooper's home, after she was found floating in a storm drainage pond July 14.

In the statement, detectives reported Brad Cooper claimed to have meticulously cleaned the house after she allegedly went for a jog, responding to an argument they had that morning about their filthy home.

Multiple interviews with those who knew the couple well contradicted Brad Cooper's behaviour. Close friends claimed it was not in his nature to go on a cleaning spree.

Detectives noted in searching the home, they uncovered an unidentifiable stain on their bed.

Friends of the slain woman claimed in the document, she was "seeking a divorce due to an extramarital affair Brad Cooper had" and that after learning of the affair, they attempted to reconcile. When unsuccessful, she sought refuge in Canada with her children.

> **"(Nancy Cooper was) seeking a divorce."**
> police affidavit

Friends of Nancy Cooper and her father, Garry Rentz, all confirmed that she never ran without her cellphone and keys, which she would weave through her fingers in case she encountered trouble. Detectives uncovered her keys and cellphone when searching her home.

Police seeking 3 men in violent weekend assault

RAPE A 22-year-old woman was brutally assaulted behind her Bonnie Doon home this weekend.

At around 7:45 p.m. Monday, the women was attacked by three men.

The suspects are described as 18 to 22 years of age. Two of the men were blonde, slim and Caucasian, one of whom had spiky hair, baggy white shirt and baggy dark pants.

The third suspect is described as having very dark skin, slim build, wearing a baggy red hoodie, baggy jeans, a black baseball hat and earphones.

Police have not linked the rape with those in the Garneau and Aspen Gardens area. METRO EDMONTON

Casino murder victim known to police

Mounties say a 24-year-old man shot to death in front of the River Cree Casino on the weekend was known to police, but not to the Spruce Grove or Stony Plain detachments.

Investigators are still tight-lipped on whether or not the Mohamed Ibrahim's death is linked to gangs or drug, but the Stony Plain RCMP Drug Unit is assisting in the investigation, said Const. Barbara Roy with the Stony Plain RCMP.

An autopsy on Ibrahim's body was completed yesterday and the medical examiner said Ibrahim was shot to death.

Detectives are continuing to speak with witnesses and sift through evidence, said Roy.

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The federal government is teaming up with its Alberta cousins to pump more money into upgrading the skills of Alberta workers. The cash, $316 million, will go to helping out people who the governments say are underrepresented in the workforce. METRO EDMONTON

Airport public hearings begin

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DEBATE Edmonton's City Centre Airport is flying into an uncertain future as dozens of speakers at City Hall debate whether or not to scrap the historic airfield.

It's an argument that could last through next spring.

City planners want to turn the airport into a new residential community that could earn the city $95 million annually in property taxes, along with additional revenue from land sales estimated at $500 million.

The new neighbourhood could accommodate close to 32,000 people, equivalent to a small city, said a city report, released in June.

Dr. Greg Powell, president and CEO of STARS Air Ambulance, says eliminating the airport will have implications when it comes to maintaining emergency health care in the city.

Powell says having a base in the airport cuts down on transportation times for patients who need urgent care.

"When you can't land close to medical facilities, then yes, there is an impact in patient care," said Powell before yesterday's public hearing.

Others speakers from rural areas in northern Alberta said shutting down the airport would harm business in their communities that rely on direct flight to Edmonton's airport.

Sophia Tymchyshyn, a resident in Ward 3, says replacing the airport would revitalize Edmonton's northeastern neighbourhoods.

Mother grateful for donor heart

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When she learned that her unborn daughter's most vital organ was seriously defective, Shonnelle Mayers-Huntley could only use one word to describe her pain: Heartbroken.

"I just cried and cried and cried and wondered what I did wrong," she said, after discovering that her 21-week-old fetus would be born with a broken heart.

Fast forward one year later, and the young mother can barely believe that she's the parent of a healthy, beautiful baby, and that a donor heart was found just in time to save the miracle she calls baby Déjanelle.

"She was very lucky she got a heart from someone of her own blood type, because that's a rare occurrence for children under one year of age," said pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Dave Ross, at the Stollery Children's Hospital yesterday.

And not only is the infant lucky, but extra special to the staff at the Stollery, as the gift of her new heart marks the centennial surgery completed by the hospital.

So far this year, the Stollery has given 11 children a new lease on life in the form of a new heart. Last year, only six pediatric heart transplants were completed in the entire year.

Though baby Déjanelle's new heart was a blessing for her family, obtaining it was the proceeds of tragedy for another.

"You can never plan for disaster, but parents should talk to their kids to decide what will happen to their organs in the event of one," Dr. Ross said, adding that the child who donated Déjanelle's heart was twice her size, and a few years older than her.

While a sleepy, but active and curious baby Déjanelle snuggled a fuzzy pink heart on her lap, mom agreed with tears in her eyes, that a piece of the donor child will forever live on in hers.

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Shonnelle Mayers-Huntley holds her baby Déjanelle yesterday at a Stollery event marking the hospital's 100th pediatric heart transplant. Déjanelle got a new heart in July, and is doing well.

Court date for teen hazing case pushed back

A pack of teens charged after allegedly froshing a group of younger kids by beating them with homemade paddles, won't enter a plea until Oct. 7.

Yesterday, the teenagers were scheduled to enter a plea in St. Albert provincial court, but pushed the opportunity back more than a month.

Earlier this summer, the 14 teens, ranging in age from 14 to 16, were charged after eight younger students came forward with complaints they were beaten so hard that they bled from the legs and backsides.

Yesterday, the mayor of the affluent community north of Edmonton spoke out about the allegations, suggesting that because the area has a long-standing unwritten hazing tradition, the actions of the teens should not be mistaken for assault.

"I don't want us to mistake hazing with assault," Mayor Nolan Krause told CBC Newsworld.

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Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

Homecoming wave of relief

Edmonton soldiers returning from Afghanistan to get hero's welcome

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

They have served their country proudly, and now they are about to return to a hero's welcome.

Starting tomorrow night, and continuing over the next six weeks, the roughly 1,200 Edmonton Garrison soldiers stationed in Afghanistan are due to rotate home.

To mark the occasion, Edmontonians are tying the city up in yellow: Ribbons will festoon trees, street lamps, power poles and houses.

"These men and women have been away from their families and community for so long and they've been through such inconceivable challenges and stress," said military wife Carolyn Patton.

Patton, the wife of a medical officer currently serving in Afghanistan, has had a ribbon tied in front of her home since her husband left for the mission in February.

"I know when I go to work that I will undoubtedly make it home alive," said Patton in a statement. "I can't imagine how soldiers live with the knowledge, day to day, that this might not be the case for them."

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Soldiers from the 1 Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group begin the foot patrol into Parmaluk in this photo from 2006. Soldiers from Edmonton Garrison will be returning home from their Afghan mission beginning this week.

The costs of war have been brought home to the soldiers and families of Edmonton Garrison all too often since Canada's mission in Afghanistan began.

On April 18, 2002, four Edmonton soldiers were the first to die there in a well-publicized "friendly-fire" incident when U.S. pilot Maj. Harry Schmidt dropped a 500-pound bomb on a Canadian training exercise. Eight other soldiers were injured.

Last month, four Edmonton-based soldiers died in Afghanistan in two separate incidents, adding to Canada's count of 93 soldiers felled in battle.

Three soldiers were killed, another seriously injured when a massive roadside bomb blasted their armoured vehicle while on patrol in Zharey District.

The three soldiers were combat engineers with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Regiment from Edmonton. While serving in Afghanistan, they were part of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group.

A husband and father of two young daughters, Sgt. Shawn Allen Eades was one of the three who died Aug. 20. The other two fallen soldiers are Cpl. Dustin Wasden, who was laid to rest today in Spiritwood, Sask., and Sapper Stephan John Stock.

Earlier last month, on Aug. 11, Cpl. Erin Doyle was killed in a firefight in Panjwaii district.

The relief will be felt across the city as the soldiers begin coming home after this deployment.

"There will be a reception planned Thursday night for them … and we cannot stress how the community has been in supporting our troops," said Second Lt. Wright Eruebi, a spokesman with Canada's National Defence department.

Although an official time has yet to be announced, Eruebi said the welcome-home reception for the troops will kick off at the Field House in the Garrison Thursday night.

The reception promises to be a fitting tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed so much for their country.

Facts on Canada's Afghan mission

Currently serving: 2,500 Canadian Forces personnel in Afghanistan, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

Past service: Close to 20,000 Forces personnel have served in Afghanistan.

Canadian deaths: 93 soldiers

Diplomats killed: Glyn Berry, as a result of a car bomb Jan. 15, 2006. when he was travelling southeast of Kandahar City.

Aid workers killed: Jacqueline Kirk and Shirley Case, Aug. 13, 2008.

Afghan civilians killed: The Canadian Defence Department does not keep figures on the number of Afghans killed or injured, says spokesperson Lt. Isabelle Riché. University of New Hampshire professor Marc Herold, tallying the deaths from public sources, puts the figures at 6,465 (conservative estimate) to 7,689 Afghan civilians killed as a direct results of U.S./NATO actions between October 2001 and Aug. 29, 2008.

Canadian soldiers injured: 280 wounded in action, as of Dec. 31, 2007; 395 non-battle-related injuries while serving in Afghanistan.

Full cost: $7 billion as of March 31, 2008, according to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, based on Defence Department Estimates; includes cost of feeding, transporting and equipping Canadian Forces' personnel.

Incremental cost (operational cost): $3 billion.

Duration of mission: The Harper government has said Canada will stay in Afghanistan until 2011.

Other coalition forces: 40 nations have contributed troops, including the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia and Italy.

Children in school: 7 million today, versus 1.2 million in 2001. Today, 2 million of those schoolchildren are girls, according to NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

Access to health care: Up to 83 per cent of Afghans have access to basic health care, according to NATO, versus 8 per cent in 2001.

LAURA EGGERTSON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Challenges remain for women in Afghanistan

KATE CARRAWAY
for Metro Canada

Any military conflict will be riddled with underlying political and social issues, but some wars reveal and challenge tremendous and long-standing problems. Such is the case with women's rights in Afghanistan.

Lauryn Oates is a Vancouver-based project director with the Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan organization and a freelance consultant on gender equity and human rights. When asked about the specific challenges that women in Afghanistan face, Oates says the implications of Afghan customs on women's lives are serious.

"Girls may not be permitted to study at the secondary level, or women may not be allowed to leave their homes unaccompanied by a male relative," she said. Oates added that most marriages in Afghanistan are forced and often imposed on young, pre-pubescent girls. Domestic abuse is also an ongoing, systemic problem.

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Sgt. Roxanne Clowe from the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team visits with an Afghan woman and a child.

Oates believes hope exists, though.

"The lifting of the Taliban's many misogynist edicts changed things significantly," she said. "There were previously no girls in school except for a minuscule number in clandestine home schools, or attending schools in refugee camps in Peshawar. Now there are millions of girls back in school. Women can access health care now (they were forbidden from doing so under the Taliban)."

As dust settles, father's resolve remains strong

LINDSAY JONES
Metro Canada

Despite a death toll that continues to mount, the father of one fallen soldier from Nova Scotia says it only strengthens his resolve.

Jim Davis, whose son Cpl. Paul Davis was the first to die under Canadian command in 2006, says 93 soldiers is an awful price to pay, but the Afghan people need the chance to live in peace.

"You do question yourself — am I too caught up in it, too emotional?" said Davis. "But as the dust settles and the more I learn about the mission the more I become convinced. … If we don't stay the course then we might as well pack it in from anywhere in the world and go home."

General's words

"When a soldier steps on foreign soil in a high-risk environment, every single Canadian should be walking with him or her." — Former Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

Canada's fallen heroes

A look back at those who paid the ultimate sacrifice between 2002 and 2008

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Nunavut has highest minimum wage in Canada

Nunavut's new $10-an-hour minimum wage will take effect this Friday, Sept. 5, an increase of $1.50 over its current $8.50. That will make it the highest minimum hourly rate in Canada. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada

"He will develop Canada's capacity for a new era of prestige."

Industry minister Jim Prentice speaking about Steve Maclean's, right, appointment as head of the CSA.

New course

Astronaut Steve MacLean, who flew on two space shuttle missions to the International Space Station, will chart a new course as the head of Canadian Space Agency. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Tories within reach of majority: Poll

Liberal leader Stéphane Dion dismissed a poll yesterday that showed he was headed for defeat in an election expected for next month, saying he was determined to win.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose Conservatives won a minority government in January 2006, is expected to request the dissolution of Parliament this week and call an election for Oct. 14.

A Strategic Counsel poll for showed the Conservatives had the backing of 37 per cent of voters, close to the 40 per cent threshold that experts say gives them a strong chance of winning a majority.

"Polls are like surveys. They come and they go. What remains is our determination to win this election for Canadians," Dion told reporters in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Economy over environment

- The Strategic Counsel poll said 15 per cent of voters felt the environment would be the most important issue in the forthcoming election compared with 20 percent who were most concerned by the slowing economy.

Strategic Counsel put the Liberals at 29 per cent and the left-leaning New Democrats at 17.

The environmentalist Greens came in with 9 per cent.

Recent surveys by other polling companies showed the two top parties were tied.

Harper, who says Parliament has become dysfunctional, met Dion on Monday and asked him to back the government until October 2009.

Dion refused and said Harper and the Tories want to go to the polls before Canada feels the full effect of the U.S. economic slowdown.

REUTERS

Feds offering war veterans compensation

NUCLEAR The federal government said yesterday it would spend up to $24 million compensating veterans forced to be exposed to Cold War-era nuclear blasts but never recognized for their sacrifices.

Peter MacKay

The recognition of Canada's so-called atomic veterans, which comes days before an expected election call, also extends to military personnel who decontaminated an Ontario nuclear plant in the 1950s after two reactor accidents.

Earlier this year, some of the veterans launched a class-action lawsuit against Ottawa.

"We simply felt that now was the time to deliver on this commitment to see a form of financial recognition, but more importantly public acknowledgment, of the tremendous contribution that atomic veterans made to the security of our country," Defence Minister Peter Mackay said. REUTERS

Bayswater **Swissair memorial**

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Veronique Noceto of France shows the names of her parents on the Swissair Flight 111 memorial to her five-year-old daughter Kaitlyn during the 10th anniversary service in Bayswater, Nova Scotia, yesterday. The flight crashed into the sea off Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998, claiming the lives of all 229 aboard.

Greens prepared to go to court over debates

POLITICS Green Party Leader Elizabeth May's fight to get a spot in the televised leaders' debates could wind up in the courts.

Elizabeth May

The Green Party has hired Toronto lawyer Peter Rosenthal to press May's case and is suggesting it could to resort to legal action to make sure the party leader is able to join the four other political leaders for the election debates.

"The question is still up in the air, as we understand it, and the legal questions are pretty important. We want to have a focus on those. These are public airwaves. The airwaves belong to no private network," May said in an interview yesterday.

May says she cleared the last hurdle to participating in the debates with her surprise weekend announcement that Independent MP Blair Wilson had decided to sit as a Green MP. With an MP now representing the party, May says the party meets all the conditions used by CTV, CBC and Global to decide participation in the past.

But the stations have yet to rule on her appearance and her participation remains uncertain

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Dion to adjust Green Shift

CARBON TAX Stéphane Dion is moving to fine-tune his much-disputed carbon tax with up to $1 billion in promised aid for truckers, farmers, fishing boat owners and others who would feel the direct impact of higher fuel costs under the Liberal leader's environmental plan.

Change coming

Will address:

- Concerns raised by farmers, truckers and fishing boats who would have to pay more for fuel
- The economy's dependance on fossil fuels and possible alternatives

Dion, who is in Winnipeg for a three-day caucus retreat, will today begin announcing changes to his Green Shift proposal, which Liberals admit has prompted alarm among some Canadians.

But the Liberal leader denied he is being forced to water down his proposed "green" strategy to make it saleable in an election campaign expected to be launched this week or over the weekend with an eye on Oct. 14 as an election date.

"On the contrary, we will strengthen it," Dion said, explaining the changes to the Green Shift plan first unveiled in June. "It will be better for the environment."

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Correction

The Swissair story on yesterday's Canada page said that of the 23 recommendations for regulators of the industry made by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, "only two" were adopted. For the purpose of clarity, it should be said that six of the 23 recommendations made by the board were rated with varying levels of satisfaction. Metro regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion it may have caused.

Bob Hope fans can say thanks for the memorabilia
Five years after his death at age 100, nearly everything in comedian Bob Hope's Los Angeles home office will be sold in an auction set for Oct. 18-19 in Beverly Hills that is expected to gather between $200,000 and $400,000. The sale will benefit U.S. veterans. REUTERS

World

Clooney boosts Obama

George Clooney has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama through an exclusive event in Geneva, Switzerland. Some 170 contributors paid $1,000 a head to hear him speak at a cocktail party held in a museum, while 75 more paid $10,000 to attend a "private dinner". REUTERS

New Orleans picks up after Gustav

1.9 million evacuees returning this week as cleanup gets underway

Workers armed with rakes and brooms fanned out across New Orleans yesterday to clean up after Hurricane Gustav but officials told hundreds of thousands of evacuees to stay away a bit longer.

Half of New Orleans still lacked power and the sewage system was damaged. But floodwaters ebbed, easing pressure on the storm barriers that failed during Hurricane Katrina.

Almost all U.S. energy production in the Gulf of Mexico remained shut Tuesday but little damage was found to refineries and offshore rigs. Officials said a return to full output could take two weeks.

Louisiana officials reported six storm-related deaths. Gustav earlier killed nearly 100 people in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

With 1.4 million homes and businesses affected, officials said the 1.9 million evacuated citizens should stay away. Business owners will be allowed into town Wednesday and residents Thursday.

The American Red Cross focused its attentions on the 60,000 people in shelters across the Gulf Monday night.

Meanwhile, the city's French Quarter slowly returned to life as businesses reopened.

"I guess if somebody came in we could make a sale, why not? It's over with. We've got to move on to the next level," Louis Sahuc said at his gallery, where Gustav ripped off some shutters and punched in windows.

Gustav barged ashore on the Gulf Coast Monday as a weaker storm with 110 mph winds. Many feared a repeat of the damage caused by Katrina, the costliest hurricane in U.S. history. REUTERS

Bush to survey Gustav's effects

- President Bush will travel to Louisiana today to survey the damage from Hurricane Gustav Bush said yesterday that initial assessments showed "encouraging signs" that the storm did not cause significant damage to energy operations.

Teen suicide rates rising

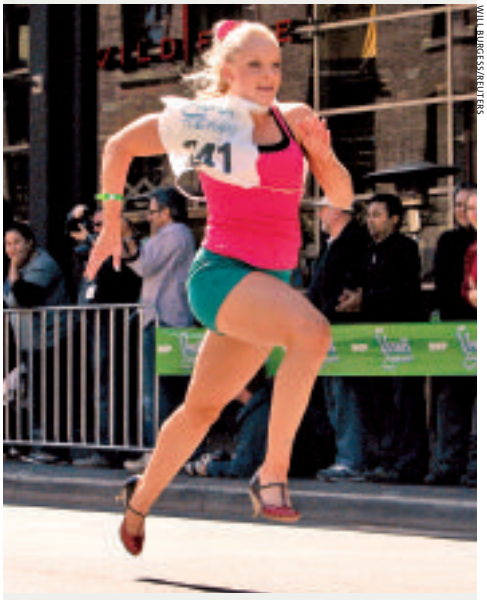
YOUTH A one-year spike in youth suicides in the United States reported last year is not a fluke, researchers say. The U.S. team analyzed the most recent youth suicide data and found rates surged 18 per cent in 2004, then dropped five per cent the following year.

"(The decline) hasn't brought us back to where we would expect rates to be," said Jeff Bridge, whose study appears in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Because the 2004 increase in youth suicides coincided with government warnings about the use of antidepressants by teens and adolescents, some doctors suspect a link.

"Attention must now be directed toward understanding whether this increase in the youth suicide rate after a decade of decline reflects an emerging public health crisis," the study said. REUTERS

Australia **Heels of steel**



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Brittney McGlone, 18, charges to victory in a stiletto sprint race for a prize of A$5,000 ($4,250) in Sydney yesterday. Over 260 women broke the world record for the most runners participating in a high-heeled sprint.

Palin controversy fuels 'mom wars'

POLITICS Sen. John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his Republican vice-presidential running mate has ignited a Mommy War.

McCain announced the relatively unknown Alaska governor as his pick last week. Emerging news that Palin is running for office while parenting both an infant son with Down Syndrome and a pregnant 17-year-old daughter has sparked both condemnation and commendation.

The party's conservative base so far has rallied around Palin and her daughter, despite its promotion of abstinence education and traditional families. The daughter has chosen to marry the father and keep her child,

"I do believe that some parents can raise their children well and not stay home all the time," said Lindsay Matlock, a volunteer at this week's Republican convention.

"My only reservation would be that her son has Down Syndrome and ... her being away so much."

The debate over whether a woman with a new baby should be in a demanding job galls Carol Evans, of Working Mother Media, which publishes Working Mother Magazine.

"The fact that the United States is the only developed country without paid maternity leave should be front and centre, not whether (Palin) can go back to work with a four-month old," she said. REUTERS

> **"Some parents can raise their children well and not stay home all the time."**
> Lindsay Matlock

News in brief

ST. PAUL Thousands of Ron Paul supporters gathered yesterday to suppourt the former Republican presidential candidate, who has been marginalized at his own party's convention. The Texas congressman sold more than 10,000 tickets, at $17.76 each, to his "Rally for the Republic" at a basketball arena near where the Republican convention is taking place.

PENNSYLVANIA Two former Philadelphia funeral directors Tuesday admitted to selling cadavers to a black market ring. Gerald Garzone and his brother Louis Garzone pleaded guilty to charges that they conspired with others to take parts from 244 bodies in their funeral homes in the $3.8M scheme.

SHOOTING Six people are dead — including a sheriff's deputy — and two injured after a shooting rampage in Washington state yesterday afternoon. The suspect in the shootings turned himself in at the Skagit County sheriff's office in Mount Vernon.

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Canadian, 16 others feared dead in crash

CONGO A humanitarian plane carrying 17 passengers and crew, including one Canadian citizen, has crashed into a mountain in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and all aboard are feared dead.

A copy of the flight's passenger manifest showed that six were aboard, from France, India, Canada, Congo Republic, South Africa and Britain. The remaining 11 were listed as citizens of Congo.

Rescue helicopters spotted the wreckage of the 19-seat Beechcraft aircraft, contracted by Air Serv International near Congo's eastern border yesterday.

The plane had been on its way to Bukavu from the city of Kisangani on Monday when it lost contact with ground control as it made its landing approach in bad weather. The difficult terrain and weather meant rescuers could not reach the wrecked plane.

"The aircraft has been found on a steep ridge," Air Serv International said in a statement posted on its website. "Aerial survey by helicopter indicates that there are no known survivors." REUTERS

Humanitarian air

- Air Serv is one of several private companies servicing the community of aid workers operating in Congo.

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'Guitar Man' Jerry Reed dies at age 71

Singer and actor Jerry Reed, known as the "Guitar Man" of country music, died Monday from emphysema complications at the age of 71, ending a career that took him from writing hit songs to acting in major roles in Hollywood. REUTERS

Climate change may cut U.S. plague cases

DISEASE Rare outbreaks of plague in the United States seem to match climate shifts over the Pacific Ocean in a hint that global warming may make the region too hot and dry for the disease, scientists said.

The western United States has had 430 cases of the "Black Death" since 1950.

The scientists, based in Norway, the United States and Sweden, said the number of U.S. infections seemed to vary with a natural shift between warm and cool ocean conditions known as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) that can last 20 to 30 years.

Until now, researchers had been unable to explain swings in the number of cases — ranging from 40 in 1983 at a warm part of the PDO to almost none in the 1950s, a cool phase. The plague bacteria is spread to humans by fleas living on rats.

The authors, writing in the Royal Society journal Biology Letters, said that warm, wet conditions seemed to favour both rats and fleas.

But future climate change, stoked by greenhouse gas emissions, is likely to make the western United States drier, reducing the amount of food for rats. It is also projected to mean more heatwaves that can be deadly for fleas. REUTERS

Background

- The "Black Death" of the 14th century that killed an estimated 50 million people is still a threat mainly in Africa.

N.Y. court backs recognition of same-sex marriages

U.S. New York officials should recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states and countries where they are legal, even though the state does not allow gay marriage, a state court judge ruled yesterday.

Justice Lucy Billings rejected arguments by the national Alliance Defense Fund that New York Gov. David Paterson overstepped his authority in May when he instructed officials to recognize same-sex marriages conducted outside New York.

"Nothing is more antithetical to family stability than requiring (couples) to abandon that solemnized commitment," Billings wrote in her decision. REUTERS

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Luxury car sales in India zoom

AUTO Rising incomes and a young population eager to flaunt its wealth are combining to fuel demand for luxury cars in India.

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Slain boxer asked men to butt out

COURT Former British heavyweight boxing champion James Oyebola was shot in the neck July 2007 at the Chateau 6 club in Fulham, west London, after asking a group of men to stop smoking, a court heard yesterday.

Four men from south London, aged 18 to 23, are on trial for his murder, and they all deny murder and affray. REUTERS

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Army soldiers stand guard between pro- and anti-government demonstrators after they clashed in Bangkok early yesterday morning. At least one man was killed and 34 hurt in overnight clashes between the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) and pro-government supporters, the worst outbreak of violence since the PAD launched its street campaign.

Thai army chief balks at protest crackdown

Thai soldiers would not use force to evict protesters occupying the prime minister's office, army chief Anupong Paochinda said yesterday despite a state of emergency giving him the power to do so.

"If we thought we could use police and soldiers to get them out with a peaceful conclusion, we would do it. But we think that would create more problems," he told reporters after a man died in clashes between pro- and anti-government protesters.

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> Anupong Paochinda

The emergency powers invoked by Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej banned public meetings, declared government buildings off limits and restricted media reports that incite unrest.

The state of emergency is the culmination of more than 100 days of street protests by an anti-government group that accuses Samak of being an illegitimate proxy of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, now living in exile in London after skipping bail on graft charges last month.

But with the army reluctant to enforce the emergency decree — Anupong said his unarmed soldiers would act only as a buffer between the protesters — the stand-off looked set to drag on.

Leaders of the protest movement that has occupied Samak's official compound for the past week vowed to continue their campaign. REUTERS

Algiers **Food centre set up during Ramadan**

ZOHRA BENSEMRA/REUTERS

Souad Chikhi, head of humanitarian association Ihcene, checks her purchases on the outskirts of Algiers. Ihcene launched a charity food distribution centre during Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar.

U.S. urges probe of journalist's death

CAUCASUS The United States yesterday urged Russian authorities to investigate the killing of a journalist while in police custody in the turbulent Caucasus region of Ingushetia and to hold to account those responsible.

Police said opposition journalist Magomed Yevloyev died Sunday after lunging for an officer's gun and getting shot in the head.

But his supporters and human rights groups said he was killed to snuff out dissent in Ingushetia, which neighbours Chechnya and North Ossetia in Russia's volatile Caucasus region. REUTERS

Bombardier wins Swiss rail cars order

Bombardier Inc. said its rail subsidiary, in partnership with Germany's Siemens, has won a $277 million US order to build 121 double-decker rail cars for the federal railway in Switzerland, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Google unveils browser

CHROME Google Inc.'s new browser software is designed to work "invisibly" and will run any application that runs on Apple's Safari browser, company officials said yesterday.

The company said the new web browser, dubbed Google Chrome is now available for download at http://www.google.com/chrome/. The public trial of the browser will be available in 43 languages in 100 countries. REUTERS

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GM in India Igniting a Spark

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Workers at General Motors' new plant in India's western Maharashtra state, prepare to roll out the Spark passenger car yesterday. GM's chief operating officer Fritz Henderson said the company will continue investments in emerging markets as it strives to turn around its North American business.

Business in brief

IPOD Apple Inc. is expected to unveil new iPod music players, and possibly price cuts, next Tuesday but not a long-awaited update to its MacBook laptops until a later date.

CORRUPTION A Las Vegas court Friday convicted two former Bank of China managers and their wives in a $485 million money laundering and racketeering scheme. REUTERS

Oil tumbles after Gustav

Canadian energy stocks, including heavyweights Suncor Energy and Imperial Oil, tumbled with oil and gas prices yesterday after initial assessments showed hurricane Gustav spared major U.S. Gulf production facilities.

Oil fell 5 per cent to $109.71 US a barrel, and natural gas futures skidded 8.6 per cent to $7.261 per million British thermal units.

Canadian spot natural gas in Alberta sank to an eight-month low, averaging $6.13 per gigajoule.

Oil could get stuck in the current range, assuming minimal storm damage to Gulf facilities and slack demand for crude amid the weak U.S. economy. Working against that could be a cut in production from OPEC, which meets next week, FirstEnergy Capital analyst Martin King said.

But natural gas prices may be in for a further slide, with inventories climbing quickly after moderate North American weather in the second half of August.

"There's no OPEC to fall back on for this one," King said. REUTERS

Pumping again

- Full resumption of output in the Gulf of Mexico, where 25 per cent of U.S. oil and 15 per cent of the natural gas is produced, could take a couple of weeks.

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NBA

The Miami Heat signed free agent centre Jamaal Magloire yesterday. Magloire, a Toronto native, split the 2007-08 season between the New Jersey Nets and the Dallas Mavericks. He averaged 1.8 points and 2.9 rebounds in 9.2 minutes per game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Tiger to welcome new cub

Elin Woods, wife of world No. 1 Tiger, is expecting the couple's second child. "Elin and I are proud to announce we are expecting our second child in late winter," Tiger wrote on his website yesterday. The couple's first baby, daughter Sam Alexis, was born on June 18, 2007.

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Panthers acquire veteran McCabe

NHL Bryan McCabe's stay in Toronto has officially come to an end. The Florida Panthers acquired the veteran defenceman, left, along with a fourth-round pick in 2010 from the Maple Leafs yesterday in exchange for blue-liner Mike Van Ryn.

McCabe

McCabe, 33, signed a five-year, $29 million US contract with the Maple Leafs in 2006.

Cats fall to Vipers in playoff opener

BASEBALL The Calgary Vipers used a terrific pitching performance to defeat the Edmonton Cracker-Cats 8-4 in Game One of the Golden Baseball League's North Division Finals at Telus Field in Edmonton. Joe Sergent went seven and two third innings, giving up only one run on six hits while picking up the win.

With the win the Vipers take the 1-0 series lead over the Cracker-Cats.

Bombers, Lions swap star backs

CFL The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and British Columbia Lions pulled off a deal yesterday, with the Bombers sending running back Charles Roberts to B.C. in exchange for running back Joe Smith.

Roberts is currently fifth in the league with 517 rushing yards, and ranks fourth in attempts with 111.

Smith has compiled 236 rushing yards and three TDs on 55 attempts for the Lions in 2008.

Jaguar critical after shooting

NFL Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Richard Collier is in critical but stable condition after being shot early yesterday morning.

The Florida Times-Union reports that Collier and former Jaguars teammate Kenneth Pettway had been out at clubs, and were following two women they had met back to an apartment complex to continue their evening together when the shooting took place. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Gillick set to soar back to Jays?

World championship architect could postpone retirement: Source

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Decision-makers in the Blue Jays' hierarchy are seriously thinking of going back to the future.

Again.

Sources tell Metro the Jays' ownership is privately pondering the idea of bringing back Pat Gillick to Toronto after this season. Gillick would either work directly under or replace his long-time friend, Jays president Paul Godfrey.

And, before you go off snickering about this, I'll remind you that these same sources told us back on May 13 that Cito Gaston was a possibility to be re-hired as the Jays' manager. That was five weeks before it actually happened. (Look that up at metronews.ca if you'd like a reminder.)

Gillick, of course, was the Jays' general manager during their halcyon days, including their World Series years in 1992 and 1993. He is planning to retire as the Philadelphia Phillies' GM after this season.

As MLB insider Ken Rosenthal reported recently, though, "Gillick is a baseball lifer. Even though he is 71, few envision him walking away."

Godfrey's contract expires after the season. J.P. Ricciardi's pact as the Jays' GM runs through 2010 but, as Rosenthal reported, he's "in trouble. He creates problems for himself with his bluntness, and in six seasons has yet to produce a playoff team, even though ownership has increased payroll to nearly $100-million."

• The aforementioned sources whispered the Jays also are ending their long-term affiliation with Syracuse and may move their Triple-A franchise to Columbus, Ohio. Buffalo would make sense, too ... The careers of Jeff Kent and Frank Thomas, ex-Jays and future Hall of Famers, appear to be over because of surgeries required on their knee and quad, respectively … Another Hall of Fame shoo-in, the St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols entered last night needing to drive in only nine runs to become the third hitter in MLB history to record 100 RBIs in his first eight seasons. He'd join the select company of Ted Williams and Al Simmons and would surpass Joe DiMaggio.

• Ricky Williams is back as the Miami Dolphins' main running back, but he simultaneously is studying osteopathy and plans to become a doctor.

Williams said: "I like to make people feel better," something he did for the Argonauts only after he left them.

• The Argos' Arland Bruce has been fined by the CFL for the Spider-Man mask he wore (not cool, not funny) after a touchdown in Hamilton Monday … The Winnipeg Blue Bombers will sign former Tiger-Cat quarterback Timmy Chang … Don't be surprised if Charlie Taaffe will soon be Hamilton's former coach.

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Fancy footwork

• Oddsmakers are listing former NFLer Warren Sapp as a 30-to-1 longshot to win the next Dancing with the Stars . Close behind him, at 40-to-1, is 82-year-old actress Cloris Leachman.

Federer survives, Djokovic crawls at Open

TENNIS The iron will of Roger Federer and the burning desire of Novak Djokovic carried them into the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open yesterday.

Russia's Igor Andreev exposed Federer's vulnerable side before the Swiss star protected his four-year New York reign with a compelling 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 triumph.

"It was a tough match, the wind was changing with either side, it went from day to night session which is never easy. It was tough conditions but I'm happy we put on a good show," a relieved Federer said after his 3½ hour win.

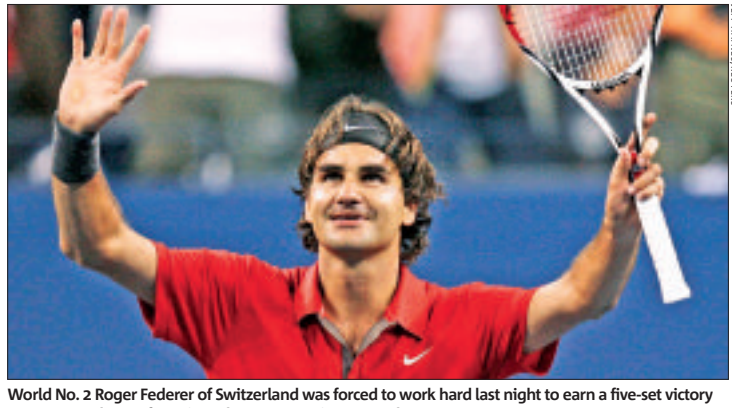
Weakened by a dodgy stomach and stricken by a hip injury, Djokovic hobbled past 15th-seeded Spaniard Tommy Robredo 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Next up for the Serbian will be former champion Andy Roddick, who dashed into the quarters by beating Chilean 11th seed Fernando Gonzalez 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Federer will face qualifier Gilles Muller, a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 winner over fifth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko.

With the men hogging all the limelight, Olympic champion Elena Dementieva and second seed Jelena Jankovic tip-toed into the women's semifinals.

Dementieva earned a 6-2, 6-3 win over Switzerland's Patty Schnyder, while Jankovic eased to a 6-1, 6-4 win over Austrian Sybille Bammer. **REUTERS**



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World No. 2 Roger Federer of Switzerland was forced to work hard last night to earn a five-set victory over Igor Andreev of Russia at the U.S. Open in New York.

Blue Jays get rookie off hook

Blue Jays 7 Twins 5

MLB This was something of an out-of-character night for David Purcey and the Blue Jays' offence.

The young lefty failed to replicate his brilliant start last week in Tampa — an 11-strikeout complete game — lasting just three innings last night against the visiting Minnesota Twins.

Purcey left an untidy scoreboard, a 5-1 deficit which appeared insurmountable given the fact the Twins protect leads very well and are locked in a battle for first with the White Sox in the AL's Central Division.

But the Jays, with the third-lowest home run total in the AL, erupted for 17 hits, including three home runs in the fifth and sixth innings, to claim a 7-5 victory.

The Jays have struggled in the homer department all season, but had everyone fooled last night.

Their efforts included back-to-back shots in the fifth by Jose Bautista and Alex Rios and a two-run shot in the sixth from Lyle Overbay that put them up 6-5.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	84	52	.618	—
Boston	81	57	.587	4
N.Y. Yankees	74	64	.536	11
Toronto	71	66	.518	13½
Baltimore	63	75	.457	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	77	61	.558	—
Minnesota	77	61	.558	—
Cleveland	67	70	.489	9½
Detroit	66	72	.478	11
Kansas City	58	79	.423	18½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	84	53	.613	—
Texas	68	72	.486	17½
Oakland	63	75	.457	21½
Seattle	54	84	.391	30½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	77	61	.558	—
Philadelphia	76	63	.547	1½
Florida	70	69	.504	7½
Atlanta	60	79	.432	17½
Washington	53	86	.381	24½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	85	53	.616	—
Milwaukee	80	57	.584	4½
St. Louis	74	64	.536	11
Houston	72	66	.522	13
Cincinnati	61	77	.442	24
Pittsburgh	58	79	.423	26½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	70	67	.511	—
L.A. Dodgers	68	70	.493	2½
Colorado	65	74	.468	6
San Francisco	59	78	.431	11
San Diego	53	84	.387	17

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 14 Baltimore 2
Cleveland 9 Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 5 Oakland 2
L.A. Angels 5 Detroit 4
N.Y. Yankees 7 Tampa Bay 2
Texas 6 Seattle 4
Toronto 7 Minnesota 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 16 Florida 14
Philadelphia 4 Washington 0
Pittsburgh 3 Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee
Houston at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at Colorado
St. Louis at Arizona
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago Sox at Cleveland, 10:05
Baltimore at Boston, 11:35
Seattle at Texas, 12:05
L.A. Angels at Detroit, 5:05
Minnesota at Toronto, 5:07
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Oakland at Kansas City, 6:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta at Florida, 11:10
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 12:05
San Francisco at Colorado, 1:05
St. Louis at Arizona, 1:40
Philadelphia at Washington, 5:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 5:10
Houston at Chicago Cubs, 6:05
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10

CFL

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Saskatchewan	7	2	0	14
EDMONTON	**6**	**3**	**0**	**12**
Calgary	5	4	0	10
B.C.	4	5	0	8

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	6	3	0	12
Toronto	4	5	0	8
Hamilton	2	7	0	4
Winnipeg	2	7	0	4

WEEK 11

FRIDAY'S GAME

Calgary at **EDMONTON**, 7

SATURDAY'S GAME

B.C. at Hamilton, 2

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Montreal, 11
Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 2

BASEBALL

GOLDEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

GAMES FEATURING THE EDMONTON CRACKER CATS:

NORTH DIVISION PLAYOFFS (BEST OF FIVE)

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Calgary 8 **EDMONTON** 4

TONIGHT'S GAME

Calgary at **EDMONTON**, 7:05

Automotive

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Walk on the wild side

Caliber SRT4 delivers big bang for the buck without compromising fun

B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

You could say Dodge's Caliber SRT4 is one case where the marketing message meets the metal.

Its snout is bold and sculpted, as is the rear. Large headlamps and tail lamps dominate the corners. Prominent, squared shoulders and protruding wheel arches give the impression the SRT4 is larger than it actually is and help contribute to a tough-guy stance too.

Right, let's get the bread-and-butter stuff on the table first. You can get your Caliber in lesser SE, SXT and R/T trim. The SE and SXT get a 148 hp, 1.8-litre 'four' mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

Their optional automatic is a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which must be mated to the 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine. The sporty R/T combines the CVT with a 172 hp, 2.4-litre four. Prices run in the $16,000 to $22,000 range. Incidentally, all-wheel-drive is available on the R/T model.

But when Dodge's Street Racing Technology … get it, SRT? … gang created the $24,995 SRT4, they stuffed in a 285 hp, 2.4-litre turbocharged four-banger and a six-speed stick to strike fear into the heart of god-fearing church-going econoboxes of all stripes.

Anyone looking for great value, great performance and innovative features, the Caliber measures up.

At $26,170, as tested, our SRT4 included Goodyear F1 performance tires on polished wheels ($250) and a $925 Option group comprising mostly minor and frivolous frills.

The best thing about this hot Caliber, apart from its bang for the buck, is its exhilarating combination of rapid acceleration, good shift action, informative steering, firmly cushioned (if a bit choppy) ride, terrific handling and satisfying hard-edged snarl from the exhaust system.

But, be advised, torque steer is at times prodigious, as is the front end's tendency to 'wash out' if you get on the power too soon in mid-turn.

2009 Dodge Caliber SRT4

Type: Compact 5-passenger hatchback FWD
Price: $24,995
Engine: 2.4-litre L4 DOHC turbo
HP: 285 @ 5,700 rpm
Torque: 265 @ 2,000 – 5,600 rpm

Highlights

- Aggressive styling
- Performance
- Cargo room
- Safety equipment
- Bang for the buck

All about the driver

Mazdaspeed3 flat-out fun ride in the shape of a hatchback

If other cars in this 'hot hatch' class are satisfying to drive fast, the Mazdaspeed3 is truly and deeply rewarding.

Inside, the Mazdaspeed3 looks tasteful and neatly executed with a high-grade black-on-black interior and red stitching accents.

B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

More or less unchanged for the '09 model year, the Mazdaspeed3 is a flat-out fun ride pretending to be a nice little hatchback.

Built off the well-equipped Mazda3 Sport GT model, the 'Speed3 shares many of the former's standard features, like ABS brakes, body-colour side mirrors, door handles and side mouldings, rain-sensing intermittent wipers, tilt/telescopic steering, air conditioning with micron filter and rear heater ducts, cruise control, six-way adjustable driver's seat with height adjustment and lumbar support, 60/40-split rear seat, two-stage front airbags plus front side-impact airbags and dual front/rear side curtain bags.

There's also a front centre console armrest with dual covered storage compartments, front door storage pockets with bottle holders, driver's side setback pocket, a rear centre armrest with two cupholders, and AM/FM audio with MP3 capability, steering wheel mounted audio controls, auxiliary audio input jack and a sporty roof antenna.

So, you'll get no argument here that the dynamic little 'Speed3 caters well to one's creature comforts and general driving pleasure.

But what really makes the difference between this four-door hatchback and the more mundane 156 horsepower Sport GT hatchback is a 2.3-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine making 263 hp that nestles beneath the Mazdaspeed3's rakishly sloped hood.

If this engine's lusty 280 lb-ft of torque seems a lot to channel through the front wheels, you're right. That's why the engine management system modulates the torque in the six-speed manual transmission's lower gears — to help mitigate wheelspin and the torque steer that tugs the steering wheel in your hands.

Also helping to make this power more manageable are full-on performance tires — mounted on good-looking 18-inch alloy wheels — that stick like superglue.

That and superb braking performance plus a lovely liveliness in the handling department make the 'Speed3 sheer delight to thread through the tightest turns.

Inside, the Mazdaspeed3 looks tasteful and neatly executed with a high-grade black-on-black interior and red stitching accents, exclusive trim elements and a nice arrangement of electroluminescent gauges that distinguish it from the remainder of the Mazda3 family. The Mazda's back seat is also a pretty comfortable place to lounge in.

Comfy back seat notwithstanding, the responsive Mazdaspeed3 is all about the driver.

If other cars in this 'hot hatch' class are satisfying to drive fast, the 'Speed3 is truly and deeply rewarding. At $29,360 it may be more expensive than some (though the '09 price is down from the 2008 model's $31,095), but as a performance driving tool for those who know how to use it, the Mazdaspeed3 is worth every penny.

2009 Mazdaspeed3

Type: Compact 5-pass hatchback FWD
Price: $29,360
Engine: 2.3L L4 DOHC turbo
HP: 263 @ 5,500 rpm
Torque: 280 @ 3,000 rpm

Highlights

- High performance with civility
- Refined yet aggressive styling
- Excellent brakes
- Steering feel
- Cabin comforts

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Chevy reveals Cruze details

SEDAN The first photos of Chevrolet's all-new Cruze sedan — making its world premiere next month at the Paris Motor Show — reveal a dynamic four-door coupe that proves exciting design and value are not mutually exclusive.

Chevrolet Cruze

An arching roof-line, extends from the steeply raked windshield to sloping rear pillars and short rear deck, bringing coupe-like proportions to the sedan that will ultimately replace the current Cobalt model. The Cruze will go on sale worldwide in 2009 — initially in Europe with a North American debut to follow — and will battle it out in the market against the Ford Focus, Honda Civic and similar products.

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Travel

Out of your shell

The Prince Edward Island International Shellfish Festival runs Sept. 19 to 21, with mussels, clams and oysters among the briny offerings. There will also be chowder-cooking competitions for local and international chefs, along with daily culinary demonstrations during the festival. Visit *peishellfish.com* for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Living a monk-like existence

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A monk at the Lotus Lantern International Meditation Centre in South Korea solemnly rings a bell. The centre comprises a temple complex designed for foreigners looking to study Buddhism.

It's 3:45 a.m., and I've been awakened by the loud banging of a wooden percussion instrument. I slip into my itchy grey training suit and make my way blindly up a set of stone steps. At the top, a monk is ceremoniously striking a drum while sleepy tourists silently file into temple.

Here at the Lotus Lantern International Meditation Centre, a two-hour drive from Seoul, South Korea, visitors can spend a night experiencing the life of a monk. This 12-year-old temple complex was designed for foreigners looking to study Buddhism.

Tourists sleep on a traditional Korean cot, wake up at the crack of dawn, eat simple food, wash their own dishes, meditate and learn the philosophical principles of Zen Buddhism.

Though an overnight stay is short, the goal is to inspire visitors to learn more. My introduction to monkhood begins in the golden temple with some early morning chanting. Breathing deeply, I take in my surroundings: The smell of incense, a gleaming gold statue of Buddha, the deep hum of meditative monks.

Reciting the "Bopsheen Jeeriohn," the monks prepare for their prostrations — 108 prostrations, to be exact. Hands pressed together, bending down to the kneeling position, I try to follow their lead. I place my forehead to the floor and my palms on the ground. Part squat, part push up, part penitence, the prostrations are strenuous and hard on the knees. After 20, I start to question whether I can do all 108.

"The greater pain your body feels the heavier negative karma you have," reads a nearby sign. By this logic, I'm ridden with bad karma. Blood pumping and knees cracking, I continue to struggle with the prostrations while the monks perform their early morning ritual calmly and with ease. Clearly, I need some practice at this spiritual practice. From the temple, our group of wannabe monks move to the meditation room.

Sitting crossed-legged on a cushion, I sit up straight and try to clear my mind. "Meditation is a tool which helps us be present in the moment, rather than living in the past or the future," says Alexander, a Russian monk who's been studying here for the past five years. Counting my breaths in and out, I feel relaxed, my mind concentrated.

But my focus doesn't last long. A pesky mosquito buzzes around me like a kamikaze pilot, coming in for a crash landing.

Since Buddhists don't believe you should kill living creatures (blood-sucking mosquitoes included) I have no choice but to gently swat it away and try to regain my meditative focus. Normally, my mind is continually making to-do lists, so meditation doesn't come easily. It's hard for me to imagine how monks such as Alexander are able to spend most of their days dedicated to the pursuit. After the experience, I realize that while I'm drawn to the philosophical principles of Buddhism (living in the present moment, renouncing desire for money and material objects) when I come face to face with worldly pleasures, I crack. For example, the monks believe that food is meant to sustain the body for enlightenment rather than for enjoyment. But I'm not nearly disciplined enough to think of nirvana when faced with temporary indulgences like banana splits, bacon cheeseburgers or eggs Benedict.

Extra hollandaise sauce, please.

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For more information on South Korea and temple stays, log onto *visitkorea.or.kr*

Tracking the Top 10 buff spots

For travellers who really want to strip off in the sun, online travel site TripAdvisor has come up with a list of the top 10 resorts where clothing is optional.

Reuters had not endorsed this list which was compiled according to traveller popularity and TripAdvisor editors.

1. Au Naturel Club, Riviera Maya, Mexico.

According to one TripAdvisor traveller: "Everyone is just there to relax and enjoy the sun and to unwind. I cannot think of a better place to do all of those things."

2. Garden of Eden Resort, Isla Solarte, Panama

Tucked away on Panama's Caribbean coast, this pristine island has a laid-back atmosphere.

3. Living Waters Spa, Desert Hot Springs, California

Between the hot mineral water pools and the luxurious accommodations, Living Waters Spa is the perfect place for total au naturel relaxation in the California sunshine.

4. Terra Cotta Inn, Palm Springs, California

One TripAdvisor traveller called it: "A place where you can feel totally comfortable shedding your stress, worries, and cares right along with your clothes."

5. Caliente Caribe Resort and Spa, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Stay clothed on the lush Caribbean grounds if you wish, but undress for a comfortable experience that is naturally delightful.

6. Sorobon Beach Resort, Bonaire

Visitors love the tranquility of this Bonaire haven, with its shallow barrier-protected bay that makes swimming, scuba diving and snorkeling a delight.

7. Cabanas Copal, Tulum, Mexico

Relax in a seaside Caribbean cabana with candlelit evenings in this eco-friendly tropical retreat making this in-the-buff destination more appealing.

8. Club Orient Resort, St. Maarten

Pristine white beaches and uninhabited nearby islands often leave guests feeling uninhibited at Club Orient in St. Martin.

9. Grand Lido Negril Resort & Spa, Negril, Jamaica

This couples destination combines high luxury and natural beauty.

10. Punta Serena, Tenacatita, Mexico

According to a TripAdvisor traveller: "Overall, it was the most relaxing and romantic week we have ever spent at a resort."

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McCartney pens song for new gal

Sir Paul McCartney has written a love song for his girlfriend Nancy Shevell that will reportedly be on his new album. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Too explicit!

Seth Rogen was forced to cut a hardcore drug scene from his new movie Pineapple Express because the footage was deemed too explicit for British viewers. it. IMDB.COM

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L.A. Confidential tops movie list

FILM L.A. Confidential has topped a Los Angeles Times newspaper poll of films made about Los Angeles culture, imdb.com reports.

The Top 10:

- 1. L.A. Confidential
- 2. Boogie Nights
- 3. Jackie Brown
- 4. Boyz N The Hood
- 5. Beverly Hills Cop
- 6. The Player
- 7. Clueless
- 8. Repo Man
- 9. Collateral
- 10. The Big Lebowski

In brief

STAGE The Pussycat Dolls are reportedly set to star in a new musical movie loosely based on their lives, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singers are said to be considering scripts which focus on the history of the band and allow them to showcase their acting skills.

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Big screen hits and misses

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Like a long-weekend barbecue, this past summer movie season delivered a smorgasbord that featured some inevitable winners and losers. There were thick, juicy grilled steaks like The Dark Knight ... and then there was the rank potato salad of The Love Guru.

So, as summer winds down, Metro looks back at some of these small victories and big flops, helping narrow down your autumn DVD rental/illegal Internet streaming choices.

Not happening — Up there with aliens and dead people, M. Night Shyamalan's The Happening pinpoints humankind's next logical fear: nature fighting back! Shyamalan tries to stay hip by addressing today's concerns of climate change through the thriller movie medium. The Happening fails in story, acting, concept and pretty much every avenue of suspense.

Brotherly love — Will Ferrell resurrects his love-hate bromance with John C. Reilly in the hilarious Step Brothers. The duo prompts guffaws with their portrayal of grown men living at home, creating the hell for their parents children from five through 25 typically do. Ferrell expresses exaggeration without going over the top, bringing us back to his Zoolander days.

Trade in the Ford — Oh, how Harrison Ford must need a paycheque. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull sees the duo trudge through the jungle on a journey to replace an ancient quartz skull to its home. As if the introduction of interdimensional aliens wasn't enough of an indication that this franchise has seen one too many renewals, Jones's secret life-saving weapon — a refrigerator — surely is.

The Dark Knight, starring Heath Ledger, was a summer movie hit.

Knight is king — Even if you detest action films and/or comic book adaptations, it's difficult to knock The Dark Knight. While Christian Bale's Batman sounds like a cross between Yoda and Godfather Don Corleone, at least Heath Ledger's Joker pulls a posthumous punch as the film's antagonist.

Chopra wannabe — Mike Myers' The Love Guru sees Myers as Guru Pitka, trying to crack the American self-help industry. The Guru is unfunny, an unparalleled character to Austin Powers and simply unfortunate. With childish genital jokes and awkward-in-a-bad-way comedic attempts by Jessica Alba and Justin Timberlake, The Love Guru is less than transcendental. The Love Guru pokes fun at Canadians worse than a Just For Laughs Gags marathon.

Kruger takes Tarantino role
Diane Kruger has joined the cast of Quentin Tarantino's upcoming film Inglorious Bastards. She will play Bridget Von Hammersmark, an actress who gets caught up in a plot to attack the Nazis. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Sometimes life imitates television

IntelleVision

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PALINDROME: Republican presidential candidate John McCain's choice of Alaska governor Sarah Palin as his running mate has fuelled a media frenzy that hasn't exactly been edifying to watch. First of all there was a seedy rumour suggesting that Palin had faked her recent pregnancy to cover for her oldest daughter's maternity, a rumour that was duly rubbished when news broke that the same 17-year-old daughter was actually pregnant.

The first breathless rumour was actually a plotline from the recent season of Desperate Housewives, and it's not the only attempt made in the last week to describe Palin and McCain with a vocabulary of TV metaphors. The Boston Globe ran a "separated at birth" comparison between the Republican candidates and Col. Tigh and President Lara Roslin from Battlestar Galactica, which was kinda clever when you looked at four carefully chosen photos placed next to each other, and contemplated the whole "junior member of executive branch suddenly thrust into position of leadership" meme that seems to fascinate everyone.

Of course, you'd have to overlook the inconvenient childlessness of Roslin versus the apparent superfecundity of Palin, and try to forget that McCain has both of his eyes, hasn't killed his wife for spying, and isn't a Cylon. But don't try to tell that to the Democrats. Frankly, this is all getting too geeky for me — let's move on.

Next in line was writer and producer Rod Lurie speculating to the Hollywood Reporter that the Republican party owes him a credit for the McCain/Palin ticket, as it's an eerie echo of Commander In Chief, his ABC series starring Geena Davis as the first female president that was cancelled during its first season three years ago.

"It's unbelievable isn't it?" said Lurie. "I think that Geena and I need to be paid royalties by the Republicans."

Lurie, an Obama supporter, should have paused before hitting the cocky button, since his prophetic role is dependent on McCain winning and dying in office, necessitating the unprecedented swearing-in of his vice-president. It would also help if Palin was a liberal Democrat, parachuted in to support a weak Republican campaign, and not a pro-life, pro-gun Republican.

During its brief lifespan, Commander In Chief was both celebrated and criticized for being preemptive propaganda for a Hillary Clinton presidential run that was once presumed to be a sure thing — it seems like so long ago now, doesn't it?

Of course, if you buy Lurie's logic, he should be paying royalties to Geraldine Ferraro.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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"The Boston Globe ran a 'separated at birth' comparison between the Republican candidates and Col. Tigh and President Lara Roslin from Battlestar Galactica, which was kinda clever when you looked at four carefully chosen photos placed next to each other."

Hollywood's top voice dies at 68

DEATH Voiceover legend Don Lafontaine has died after suffering from a collapsed lung, imdb.com reports. The dramatic star, known as the King of Voiceovers, died at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Monday, aged 68. During his lengthy career, Lafontaine lent his booming vocal chords to more than 5,000 movie trailers and 300,000 radio and TV commercials, including advertisements for corporate giants such as McDonalds, Coca-Cola and Budweiser.

Montreal festival picks Japan film

ACCOLADES The Montreal World Film Festival gave its top jury prize to Japanese director Yojiro Takita's Okuribito (Departures), while the top audience awards went to Canadian documentary filmmaker Benoit Pilon's debut fiction drama The Necessities of Life, Reuters reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

In brief

MUSIC The original artwork for The Rolling Stones' iconic lips and tongue symbol has been bought for $92,500 by London's Victoria and Albert Museum, BBC News Online reports.

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	46	OLN	411	457	Off the Grid	Word Travels	Word Travels	Globe Guides	Pilot Guides		Don't Forget Your Passport		Off the Grid
	48	TROP	619	525	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Beverly Hills, 90210		Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	50	STAR	621	527	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk	TMZ	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Hollywood
	52	HGTV	600	564	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Flipping Out "Sell Out"		Holmes-Homes	Holmes-Homes	Property Shop	Big City Broker	Property Virgin
	65	TLN	700	800	La Figlia di Elisa Ritorno		Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez	George Lopez	The Sopranos (SS)		David Rocco
	92	APTN	269	350	First Talk	News	Circle of Champions		Shining Mountains		Northern Exposure		Wolf Lake
	93	VISION	261	394	*Murder, She Said* ★★★ (1961, Mystery) Margaret Rutherford.				Hope Island		*Murder, She Said* ★★★ (1961, Mystery)		
	100	MTV	581	566	Step, Repeat	Run's House	Run's House	Run's House	MTV Live	After	From G's to Gents		Run's House
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	103	CLT	526	507	(6) *The Mighty* (1998)		Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		America in the Fifties		*The Mighty*
	105	TV5	145	761	*Ticket espace*	Sans histoire	Vivre à vélo	Festivals	Journal TV5	Partir autre	Le Show raisonnable 2008		Hep! Taxi
	106	RDI	126	730	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Élections prés	Le National	Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Journal RDI	Le National	Le Téléjournal

critics' corner

Supersize vs Superskinny
If Morgan Spurlock has a problem with that title, they can always change it to "Trading Plates." In each episode of this new series, a British import, an overweight person switches diets for five days with someone who could stand to put on a few pounds. In the end, each is given a sensible diet to follow, but in the meantime, the idea is to teach them that there are other ways to eat besides too much or too little. Dr. Christian Jessen hosts. 10 PM on W

The Riches
On the road again? Can he get back to you? The second season of this acclaimed drama series about a family of Irish Travellers masquerading as normal folks begins with Wayne (Eddie Izzard) ready to abandon the scam and hit the bricks once more. In fact, he's already sent his family off while he stays behind in Eden Falls to clean up the mess. But the straight life has grown on him, and he's having second thoughts. Minnie Driver also stars. 11 PM on SHOW

Gibson denies relationship with singer

Actor Mel Gibson has quashed speculation surrounding his love life following reports he has become close to Russian singer Oksana. She is reportedly just a colleague. THE DAILY MAIL

Celebrity Buzz

LeAnn Rimes and husband ready for baby

RELATIONSHIPS With their anniversary fast approaching, LeAnn Rimes and Dean Sheremet knew just how to scratch their "seven-year itch": with a party — and soon, perhaps, a baby, People.com reports.

"We're ready, definitely," says Rimes, adding that they've gotten some friendly nudging from their pal and new dad Keith Urban.

Says Rimes: "He's encouraging us to start gettin' on it!"

The country star and her husband invited 30 of their closest friends to celebrate their upcoming seventh wedding anniversary — and Rimes' 26th birthday on Aug. 28 – at the Calistoga Ranch in California's Napa Valley.

"We wanted to remember how blessed we are, and how excited we still are about each other," says Rimes, who was just 19 when she wed Sheremet, now 27, on Feb. 23, 2002. (They decided to celebrate early to take advantage of the warm weather and Rimes's birthday.)

The three-day festivities culminated with a seven-course dinner and an evening of dancing on Saturday night.

"My ankles and my feet hurt because I was jumping around on the dance floor so much!" she says.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Piven's "antics" cost him

CAREER Entourage star Jeremy Piven has been forced to deny his "diva" antics cost him the job of hosting a forthcoming fashion event in New York, imdb.com reports.

The actor hosted Fashion Rocks in 2007 but this year he has been replaced by Rescue Me star Denis Leary, amid rumours that Piven's outlandish demands infuriated staff at last year's event.

A source tells New York Post gossip column Page-Six that the star demanded a separate backstage green room and insisted on rewriting the script at the last minute.

"(Piven) was a nightmare," the source says. "And it wasn't even funny. (This year will see) a more trustworthy and mature host."

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Newton refuses film kiss due to illness

MOVIE Thandie Newton refused to film her sex scene with Gerard Butler in RocknRolla because he was ill, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress, who plays accountant Stella in Guy Ritchie's new movie, insisted the scene didn't involve her kissing him after she realized how sick Butler was.

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celebrity briefs

Thiessen moves on after 90210

PEOPLE TV Former Beverly Hills, 90210 actress Tiffani Thiessen has no intention of joining her old castmates on the set of the new spin-off show — insisting she has moved on, imdb.com reports. The star played Valerie Malone in the hit U.S. teen series alongside Shannen Doherty.

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Pregnancy cravings for Rebecca Romijn

HEALTH Forget pickles and ice cream. Rebecca Romijn has her own unusual pregnancy cravings, People.com reports. "Lemonade always has to be in our fridge," said husband Jerry O'Connell.

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No rush for Justin

MARRIAGE Justin Timberlake is in no rush to wed girlfriend Jessica Biel, according to his former 'N Sync bandmate Joey Fatone, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer has been romancing the actress since early last year, when she joined him at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

But according to Fatone, Timberlake isn't planning to wed Biel in the near future, despite taking their relationship much more seriously than his former flames.

"I think he finally met somebody that he wants to spend the rest of his life with," Fatone says. "You never know (about an engagement), but I don't know if it's the appropriate time right now. You know what, I think he is just playing it by ear. If it ain't broke don't fix it."

Biel herself appears to be in no rush to walk down the aisle. Adding to Us Weekly in a recent interview, she says: "The actual idea of signing those papers and doing all this stuff... I've never been someone who's like, 'I have to, have to, have to have it."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Justin Timberlake isn't in a rush to wed his girlfriend **Jessica Biel**.

Duly noted. So I've been watching my mailbox for an invitation lately in vain. I'm not going to fooled by JT again, after those years with **Cameron Diaz** came to naught. It's fairly clear that his people want you to believe he's not the marryin' kind, he's too busy bringin' sexy back, whatever that means. Kind of a **Frank Sinatra** but with more hair and less Nelson Riddle Orchestra.

What really interests me about this story is that Joey Fatone is the messenger. What's Joey really thinking as he relates this news? Is he happy the press still talks to him? Is he thinking this is a role he has to accept in life, being the 'N Sync band guy who people ask about Timberlake? Is this all because his name spells out "fat one?"

Fatone says "...if it ain't broke don't fix it" about JT's relationship with Biel, but he should know that something is broken, and it's his career. He should be asking his people when he's going to be the guy they're talking about in connection with some impossibly hot starlet.

He's got to stop taking those calls that say, "Joey, we need you to talk to a reporter to deny that Timberlake is cheating."

If fame is the desirable mate to be wooed, Joey Fatone is in danger of becoming the perennial nice guy who never gets any.

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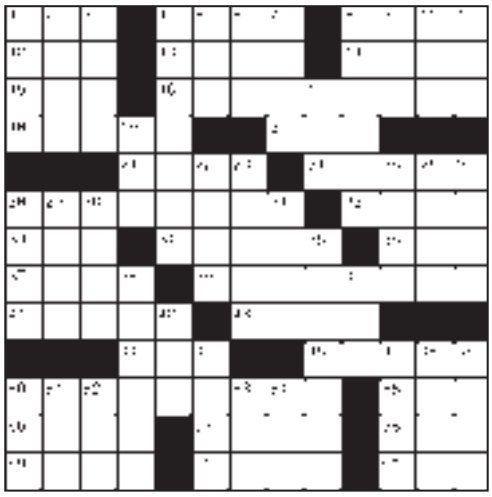
Winehouse turns to Buddhism

Amy Winehouse, reportedly inspired by fellow singer Tina Turner, has begun to seek solace in the religion Buddhism. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Take Five



Crossword down

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2 Sweet-heart
3 Low- — diet
4 Gives
5 Tulsa sch.
6 Car starter (Abbr.)
7 Come in last
8 Sweeney Todd, e.g.
9 Exist
10 Whopper
11 Fellow
17 Couric's employer
19 B&B
22 Cheery sounds?
23 For all to hear
25 Rip
26 Supersoft mineral
27 Upright (Pref.)
28 TV show set in Korea
29 "Simpsons" bus driver
30 Mideast gulf
31 Gambling game
35 Arachnophobe's worry
38 Where to find Sarajevo
40 Inseparable
42 In medias —
45 Wherefores' mates
47 Small amounts
48 Sty cry
49 Picture of health?
50 Crazy
51 — shoestring
52 Peculiar
53 Chit
54 Gist

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1 Telly watcher's choice
4 Seethe
8 Soother
12 Meadow
13 Therefore
14 Sills solo
15 Rowboat need
16 UV protection
18 Measure for Noah
20 "Chicago" lyricist
21 Mrs. Nick Charles
24 Squabble
28 Michael Jackson move
32 Raise up
33 $ dispenser
34 Footwear
36 Model Carol
37 Impale
39 Screened-in veranda
41 Esteem
43 Slay
44 Stitch
46 Rehab goings-on
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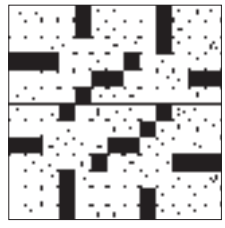
61 Firmament

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An upbeat chat will liven up a meal. Move quickly to calm an offended person. Keep a tight grip on your spending.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Expect to work hard behind the scenes. A dynamic woman engages in high stakes manipulation. A good-for-nothing guy will make you nutty.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Get serious about having fun. A radical person drops by. Leap over tall obstacles when the chips are down.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Beautiful advances are made by a humble person. Hold yourself aloof in upsetting situations. An unfair comment will be explained and forgiven.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone is stronger than you feel. An optimistic person will say impulsive things. Your overindulgence will disturb others.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
An unruly group welcomes your interference. You want to romp with someone but plans must be pursued. A special occasion causes excitement.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A meeting can clear up a misunderstanding. Denial becomes a family concern. Give a gift to someone who is lonely.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Your past consideration will turn a new page in your life. Resist the temptation to waste time. Be patient when someone backs away.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Try to focus energy on your money situation. Look for tenderness before boredom sets in. A procrastinator is in denial.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Tight spots will be easier to slip out of now. Improve your understanding of relationship woes. You are tired of being stuck in a rut.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your love power is turned back on. Buy yourself some luxuries. A tall man tends to be too intense.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A friend is determined to have his own way. Debts may cause minor embarrassment. Don't be wishy-washy about taking action.

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21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Temperature
Normals
High: 19.4°
Low: 7°

Records
High: 32.2°/1938
Low: -2.2°/1933

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